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A Remembrance
Book of Gifts to the
First Baptist Church
of Hugabur Falls 
Given in memory of 
Rachel M. Winship

1952



Ross Winship

Word has been received here that Ross Winship, 95, formerly of the Niagara Falls area, died Wednesday (June 2, 1982) in Tampa, Fla.

He was an inventor engineer for the Upson Co. in Lockport in the 1930s and worked for the Aeronautical Engineering Co. in Niagara Falls during World War II. He moved to Tampa in 1953 after retiring.

He is survived by daughters, Dorothy Evans of Grand Island, Elizabeth Drisko of Yonkers and Louise Erk of Tampa, Fla.; brother, Dexter of Penn Yan, N.Y.; and six grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Services were held in Tampa.

6/2/1982



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Niagara Falls Journal
Niagara Falls, New York
March 12, 1892
P 3:2

Rev. Frank Mountpleasant officiated at the Baptist Church Niagara Falls last Sunday when sixteen Tuscarora Indians were baptised and admitted to the church.

Niagara Falls Gazette
Niagara Falls, New York
December 20, 1854
P 3:3

THE BAPTIST FEMALE SOCIETY
Will hold a FAIR at the
FALLS HOTEL, FRIDAY EVENING, 21st INST
at 6 o'clock, for the benefit of the Baptist Church.
The public are invited to attend

Niagara Falls Gazette
Niagara Falls, New York
January 8, 1855
P 2:1

~~The~~ The Baptist Church in this village will be dedicated to the service of God, on Wednesday, January 10th, at 10 1-2 A. M. The dedicatory sermon will be preached by Rev. M. B. Anderson, L. L. D., President of the University of Rochester. Services may be expected also at 2 and at 7 P. M. of the same day. Preaching in the afternoon by Rev. S. R. Mason, of Lockport, and in the evening by Rev. Prof. V. R. Hotchkiss, of the Rochester Theological Seminary, formerly of Buffalo.

Niagara Falls Gazette
Niagara Falls, New York
January 17, 1855
P 2:3

The Services, on the occasion of the dedication of the Baptist Church, in this village, took place last Wednesday, as previously noticed. The dedicatory sermon was preached, in the forenoon, by Rev. M. B. Anderson, L. L. D., President of the Rochester University. Those who heard the sermon pronounce it a most chaste and eloquent discourse, well worthy the eminent divine who uttered it. We listened to the evening discourse by Rev. V. R. Hotchkiss, of the Rochester Theological Seminary, with much pleasure; we were not disappointed in our expectation of hearing a most excellent sermon. On the whole the services were of a most satisfactory character.

The church thus dedicated was erected some twelve years since, but remained unfinished until now. It is not large, but is well planned and neatly finished. The joiner work was done by C. E. Hinckley; the painting and graining by T. S. Whitney. The inside work is nearly all grained in imitation of oak, and will bear the inspection of the best of the craft. We congratulate the Baptist people upon the completion of so beautiful an edifice.

Niagara Falls Gazette
Niagara Falls, New York
July 28, 1857
P 3:1

18 We learn that Rev. Chas Keyser, pastor of the Baptist church at this place, has accepted a call from a Baptist church in Providence, Rhode Island. Mr. Keyser will probably leave here for his new field of labor by the middle of August.

During his labors here—and they have extended through a period of more than two years—Mr. Keyser has won the confidence and esteem of his congregation. His church has prospered under his ministration, and its members will regret the parting though fully convinced that his sphere of usefulness will be enlarged. Mr. Keyser and his estimable lady have our best wishes for success in whatever field of labor they may be called.

The Suspension Bridge Journal
Suspension Bridge, New York
November 28, 1891
P 3:2

Saturday Morning, November 28, 1891.

BREVITIES.

—The Niagara Falls Baptist Church
celebrate its 50th anniversary Feb. 23, 1892

The First Baptist Church

MAIN AT FOURTH, NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK



"In the love of truth and in the spirit of Jesus Christ we unite for the
Worship of God and the Service of Man."

Minister

EUGENE GRAFTON MINTZ, B.D.

600 Fourth Street

Telephone 179

Friday, December 10, 1934

First Baptist Church
Niagara Falls, N. Y.
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PASTOR ARTHUR BENNETT MERCER
THIRD ANNIVERSARY NUMBER
January 9, 1921
Calendar for week beginning January 6, 1924.

Friday paper
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To Be Honored



The Rev. John E. Vassar, former pastor of the First Baptist church here, in tribute to whom a pulpit chair will be presented to the church Sunday by the members of Bellevue Lodge, No. 316, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. The Rev. Mr. Vassar is a member of the lodge.

**Lodge to Honor
Former Pastor**

Chair to Be Given Church in
Tribute to Rev. John Vassar.

In honor of the Rev. John E. Vassar, a member of the lodge and a former pastor of the church, members of Bellevue Lodge, No. 316, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, will present a new pulpit chair to the First Baptist church on Sunday evening.

The presentation is being made in tribute to the wholehearted co-operation the Rev. Mr. Vassar gave in furthering Odd Fellowship here, officials of the lodge said, and the manner in which he devoted his time and his ability unselfishly in the interests of the lodge.

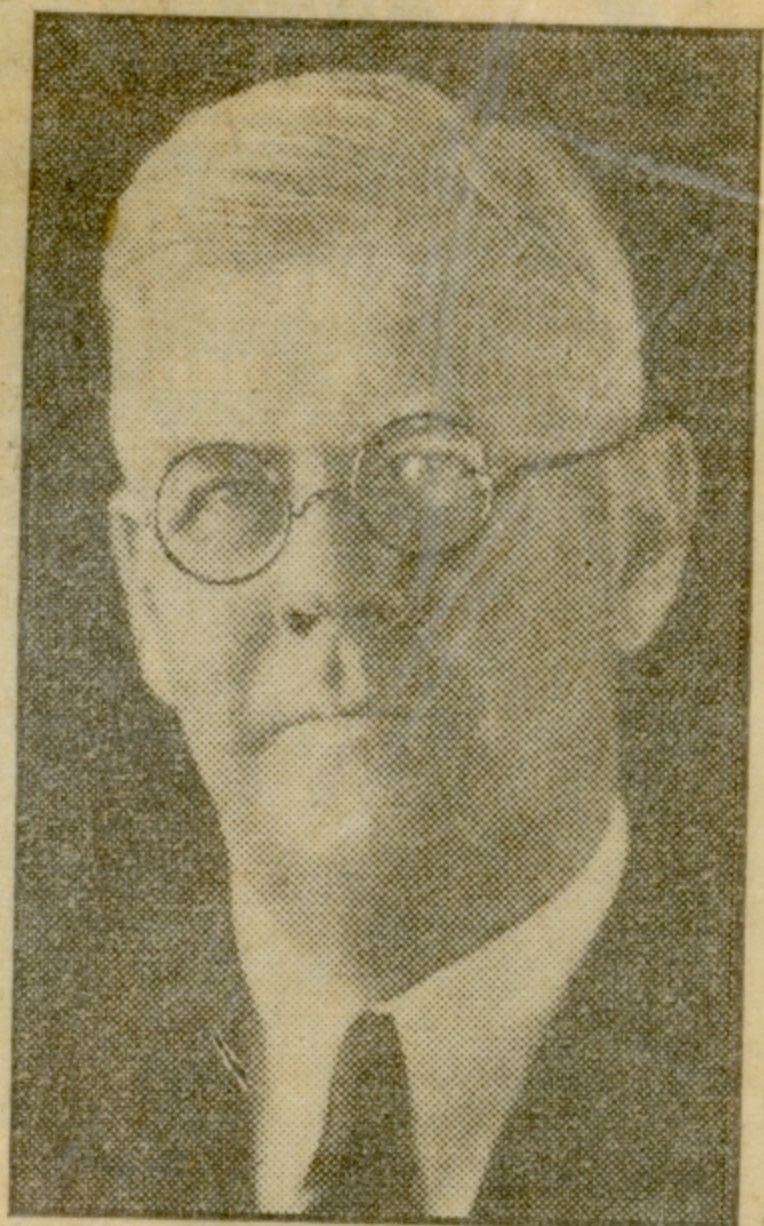
On the chair will be a plate designating it as "The Rev. John E. Vassar Chair."

Presentation will be made by Fred Diemer, a past noble grand of Bellevue lodge. Coleman F. Gridley is chairman of the committee in charge of arrangements.

Members of the lodge and their ladies will attend the evening services, beginning at 7:30 o'clock, and have been requested by Mr. Gridley to be at the church by 7:15.

The Rev. Mr. Vassar, who is confined to his home in the Mentz apartments as the result of a hip injury suffered a few months ago, will not be able to attend for the presentation.

To Preach Here



The Rev. John E. Vassar, who will preach tomorrow at the First Baptist church at the worship services, 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m., and address the Men's Bible class at the Bible school hour, 9:30 a.m., on the lesson "Adventurous Faith." Mr. Vassar was at one time pastor of this church and is again living in the city. During the years of his pastorate here, 1907 to 1916, many were added to the membership, the Bible school and other departments of the church were built up and the finances for both local expenses and the missionary budget were in a very satisfactory condition. Mr. Vassar's many friends here will welcome this opportunity to hear him again.

Friday, December 10, 1954



Gazette Photo—Roy Crogan

BRaille CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENTERTAINED

Left to right, Mrs. Roderick Schoales, chairman of blind activities for Lioness Club; Mrs. Edward Grant, Mrs. Ida Pasko, Miss Viola Rufrano, Braille Club members; Mrs. Walton Scott, Lioness publicity chairman.

Lioness Club Okays Donation for Blind Koreans After Miss Keller's Appeal Read

A donation to the American Foundation for the Overseas Blind was approved by members of the Lioness Club yesterday after a letter from Helen Keller requesting aid for the sightless children in South Korea was read at the annual luncheon and Christmas party of the Lioness and Braille Clubs.

Held yesterday at the Red Coach Inn, the luncheon was attended by 17 Braille Club members and three guests who were Mrs. Reginald Beney, Mrs. Virginia Squire and Mrs. Roy Olrogg.

A program of song and dance was presented by students of Mr. Fred Jones. Mrs. J. Gordon Jens was accompanist. Bobby and Buddy Jones sang and tap danced to "Wrap Your Cares in Rhythm" while Rosemary Blake sang "Mr. Sandman" and "Papa Loves Mambo." Two zither solos, "Serenade" and "Minuet in G" were played by Garry Viehofen and tap dances were done by Helma Viehofen.

Miss Dorothy Cracknell sang "Count Your Blessings," "Hunting Song," "Let Me Go Lover" and

"Whither Thou Goest." Buddy Jones gave an encore tap routine and Bobby Jones sang "Wonderful, Isn't It."

Santa Claus, evergreens adorned with Christmas ornaments and silvered pine cones provided colorful decorations.

Mrs. John Lunney as Mrs. Santa Claus distributed gifts and Mrs. Grover Smith led the singing of Christmas carols with Mrs. Arne Melby as accompanist. Mrs. Elmer Skene played the doxology and all members sang the invocation.

Mrs. Douglas Robertson, president of the Lioness Club, welcomed those attending while Mrs. Ida Pasko, who had received the letter from Miss Keller, spoke on behalf of the Braille group. Mrs. LeRoy Suitor, hospitality chairman who also introduced the variety program, was assisted by Mrs. William Joy, Mrs. Lunney, Mrs. Roderick

Schoales, Mrs. Leo Sterzelbach and Mrs. Arthur Shrubbsall.

Providing transportation for Braille members were Mrs. Melby, Mrs. Carl Schmidt, Mrs. Sterzelbach, Mrs. Elwood Treadwell and Mrs. Walton Scott. Braille club members attending were: Mesdames Elizabeth Arnold, Anna Bishop, Drusilla Carlisle, Juliette Duford, John Drake, Virginia Donato, Edward Grand, John Jarosz, Francis Lilly, Catherine Masterman, Arnold Myers, Jennie Oleksiak, Pasko, Skene and Miss Viola Rufrano.

MRS. Ida Pasko

Mother of
Paul J. Pasko
and
Mrs. Ruth Mahar

RETIRED CLERIC DIES SUDDENLY

JULY 20, 1937

The Rev. W. Judson Pasko of
Niagara Falls was 77

Courier-Express Niagara Falls Bureau

Niagara Falls, July 20—The Rev. W. Judson Pasko, 77 years old, retired minister of 470 Twelfth Street, died suddenly tonight after a short illness.

Born in Oswego, September 13, 1859, the Rev. Mr. Pasko spent his adult years as a clergyman, retiring in 1921 from the pastorate of the First Baptist Church in Wilson. Prior to that time he served in churches in Union Springs, Scotia, Wolcott and Syracuse. He moved to this city seven years ago from Lockport.

The Rev. Mr. Pasko was graduated from the Colgate Theological Seminary.

In addition to his wife, Ida M. Pasko, he is survived by two sons, Paul J. of this city and Donald G. of Gloversville, and a daughter, Mrs. Richard Mahar of this city.

Although funeral arrangements have not yet been completed, plans have been made to return the body to Oswego for burial. The Redanz undertaking parlor is in charge of the arrangements.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Gifford

Request the pleasure of your company at the
marriage of their daughter

Ida Maud

to

Rev. William Judson Pasko,

on

Wednesday, November the Eighth, 1899,

At eleven o'clock a. m.,

At their home, "Lindencourt," Meaford, Ont.

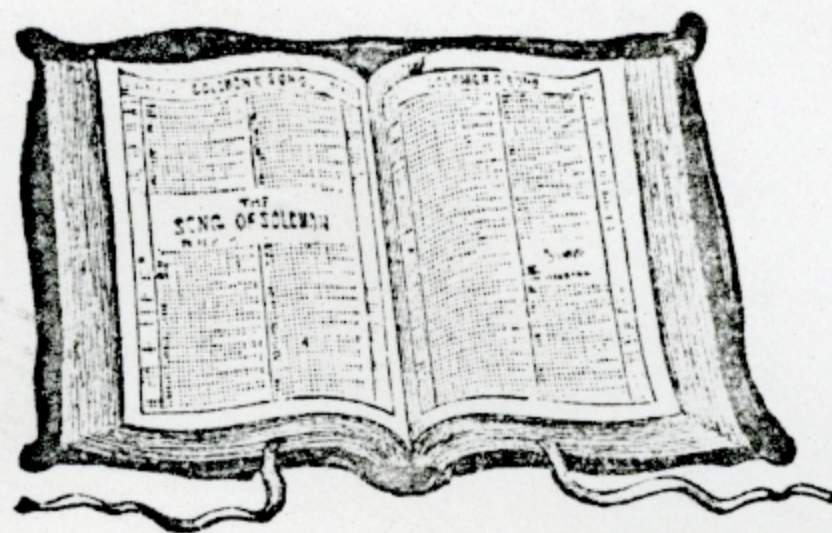
At home Thursday after Dec. 7th,

Baptist Parsonage,

CORNER JAMES AND COLLINS STREETS

SCOTIA, N. Y.

"SET FOR THE DEFENSE OF THE GOSPEL."



This is to Certify, that after a satisfactory relation of his Christian experience, call to the Ministry, and views of Bible doctrine,

William Judson Pasko.

was publicly ordained to the work of

The Gospel Ministry,

on the 27 day of July 1892, by a

Council of Baptist Churches, composed of 34 messengers from _____ churches, convened at the call of the

First Baptist Church at Union Springs.

Edwin Richmond Moderator.

Arthur E. Holmes Clerk.

W. H. Maynard. D. D.

A. Elden

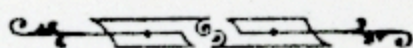
W. J. Sholar

Wm. J. Coulston

THE SEVENTY-SECOND COMMENCEMENT

—OF THE—

HAMILTON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.



GRADUATING EXERCISES

OF THE CLASS OF 1892.

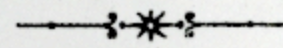
HELD IN THE

BAPTIST CHURCH, HAMILTON, N. Y.,

AT 10:30 A. M.,

Wednesday, June 15th.

PROGRAMME.



Organ Voluntary, - - - REV. W. W. ONDERDONK.

Prayer.

Singing,

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee,
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and Mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and Seraphim falling down before Thee,
Which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! tho' the darkness hide Thee,
Tho' the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee
Perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and Mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Oration—"Christianity and Social Reform," - FRANK C. BARRETT.

Oration—"Sympathy Illustrated in the Life of Christ," ROBERT BRUCE.

Oration—"The Function of the Preacher," - WILLIAM E. DARROW.

Singing,

Soon may the last glad song arise,
Through all the myriads of the skies—
That song of triumph which records
That all the earth is now the Lord's.

Let thrones, and powers and kingdoms be,
Obedient, mighty God, to thee;
And over land, and stream, and main,
Now wave the sceptre of thy reign.

Oh, let that glorious anthem swell;
Let host to host the triumph tell,
That not one rebel heart remains,
But over all the Saviour reigns.

Oration—Time Necessary to Develop Personal Belief, EDWIN N. FLETCHER.

Oration—"Baptists and Modern Thought," - PETER B. GUERNSEY.

Oration—"Christ as a Preacher," - JEPHTAH M. OLMSTED.

Singing, .

In the cross of Christ I glory;
Towering o'er the wrecks of time,
All the light of ancient story
Gathers round its head sublime.

When the sun of bliss is beaming
Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming
Adds new lustre to the day.

When the woes of life o'ertake me,
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me;
Lo! it glows with peace and joy.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure,
Joys that through all time abide.

Oration—"John Huss and the Reformation," - W. JUDSON PASKO.

Oration—"An Overturning Gospel," - WM. JESSUP SHOLAR.

Oration—"The New Missionary Era," - W. ARTHUR STANTON.

Singing,

Lord of the living harvest,
That whitens o'er the plain,
Where angels soon shall gather
Their sheaves of golden grain,
Accept these hands to labor,
These hearts to trust and love,
And deign with them to hasten
Thy kingdom from above.

As laborers in thy vineyard,
Lord, send us out to be;
Content to bear the burden
Of weary days for thee!
We ask no other wages,
When thou shalt call us home,
But to have shared the travail
Which makes thy kingdom come.

Be with us, God the Father;
Be with us, God the Son;
Be with us, Holy Spirit;
O blessed Three in One!
Make us a a royal priesthood,
Thee rightly to adore,
And fill us with thy fulness,
Now, and forevermore.

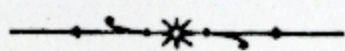
CONFERRING OF DIPLOMAS.

Address to the Class, - - - PROFESSOR ESTES.

BENEDICTION.

GRADUATING CLASS.

MEMBERS AND PLACES OF SETTLEMENT.



FRANK CLAWSON BARRETT,	-	-	-	-	South New Berlin, N. Y.
ROBERT BRUCE,	-	-	-	-	Not settled.
VILLIAM EDWIN DARROW,	-	-	-	-	Fort Plain, N. Y.
EDWIN NEWTON FLETCHER,	-	-	-	-	Hu Chau, China.
PETER BUEL GUERNSEY,	-	-	-	-	Telugu Mission, India.
EPHATHAH MUNSON OLMSTED,	-	-	-	-	West Townsend, Mass.
VILLIAM JUDSON PASKO,	-	-	-	-	Union Springs, N. Y.
VILLIAM JESSUP SHOLAR,	-	-	-	-	Brooklyn (Noble St.) N. Y.
VILLIAM ARTHUR STANTON,	-	-	-	-	Telugu Mission, India.



DR. CHARLES R. OSBORN
Field Secretary for Dps.

1947

Dr. Charles Osborn Gets Church World Service Position

Dr. Charles R. Osborn has been appointed field promotion secretary of the Church World service, Department of Displaced Persons, it was announced today. Dr. and Mrs. Osborn will divide their time between their residence here and New York City.

The Church World service includes representatives from the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, Foreign Missions Conference of North America, United Council of Church Women, and 21 cooperating denominations. It is in charge of the relief and resettlement program.

The position of the field promotion secretary has been established recently by the Federal Council of Churches and the Church World service to provide for the placement of displaced persons from the American zones in Germany and Austria.

Dr. Osborn will promote this work through interdenominational committees, the Council of Churches, social service communions and citizens' committees throughout the United States. The headquarters will be in New York City.



DR. CHARLES R. OSBORN
Field Secretary for Dps.



Falls Church Is Given Citation

One of the outstanding achievements of the past year as reported in the 105th annual meeting of the First Baptist church, held last evening, was the part taken by the church in the World Mission Crusade of the Northern Baptist Convention in its program to raise \$14,000,000 for world relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction. With a goal of \$15,000, the members of the church pledged over \$19,000, along with \$4,800 given as its full missionary quota to the denomination. On behalf of the Northern Baptist Convention, a citation was presented to the church by the pastor, the Rev. Charles R. Osborn, as a permanent record for successfully achieving the crusade goal. It was received by Forrest Wilcox, chairman of the advisory board.

Reports of officers, boards and organizations were well received and indicated progress in nearly all departments of the church activities. Following the business meeting, moving pictures of a recent congregation were shown and a social hour with the deacons as hosts were enjoyed.

Officers elected were: Deacons, Norman Vorher, James Swartz, Herbert Williams, Charles Miller and Thurman Williams; deaconesses, Mrs. Charles Miller, Mrs. Semmeon McAnulty, Mrs. George Halsted, Mrs. John Saul and Mrs. James Fraser; trustees, Mrs. Walter Russell, Clyde Jugle, Everett Rhodes and Ralph Beals; ushers, Harry Ellis, Ralph Engstrom, Harrell Shipp, Henry Goodroe and William Webb; church clerk, Della Hutson; assistant church clerk, Mrs. Louis Dent; church treasurer, Howard Stowell; financial secretary, Marjorie Abendschein; Bible school superintendent, Forrest Wilcox.



Photo by Roy G. Crogan, Gazette Staff Photographer

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH TO OBSERVE ANNIVERSARY
The Rev. Glenn H. Asquith, left, will be guest speaker, assisting the Rev. H. Victor Kane, right, when the congregation of First Baptist church, shown in upper photo, observes birthday.

First Baptist Church Will Celebrate 50th Anniversary at Rites Tomorrow

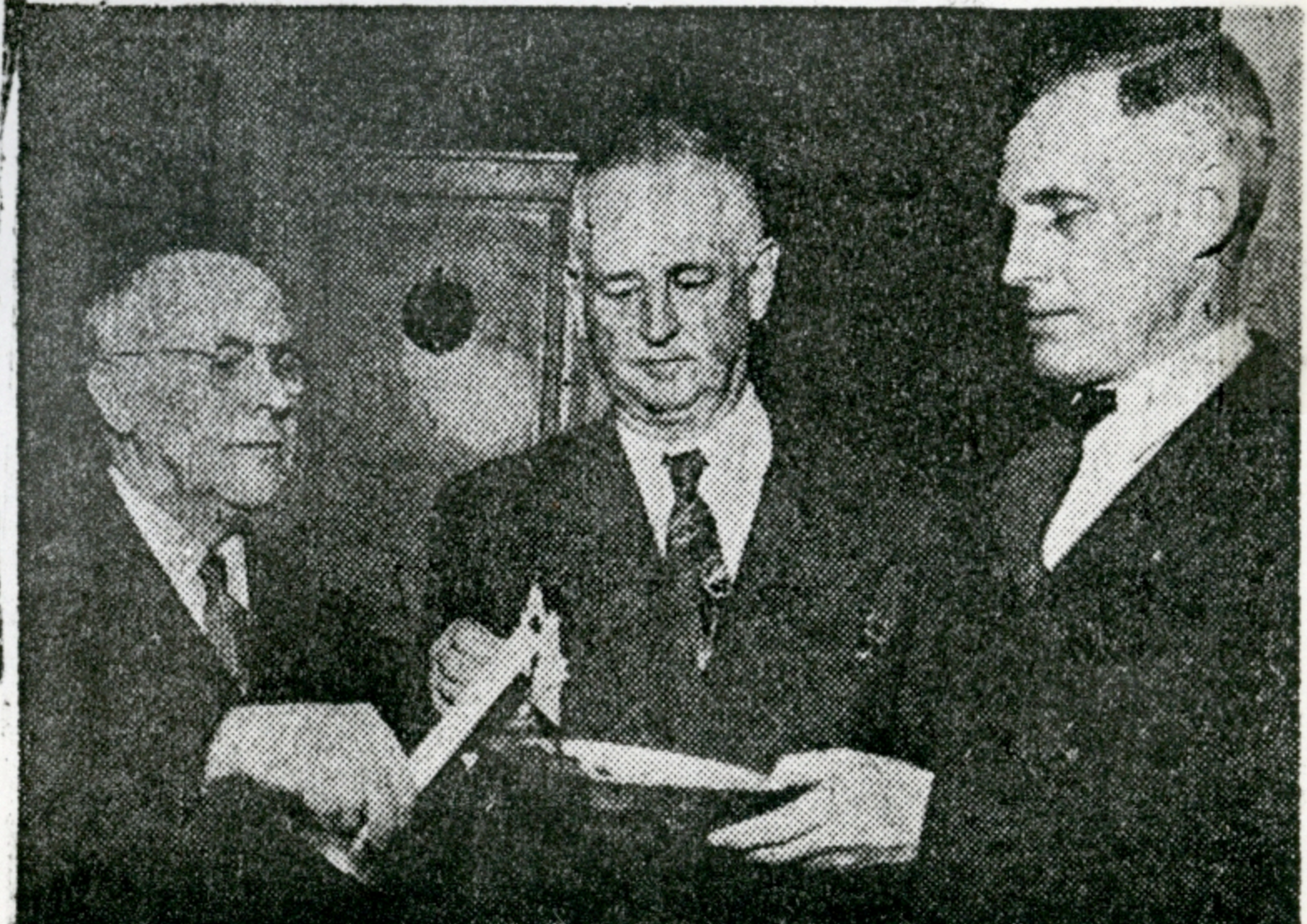


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BAPTIST CHURCH MORTGAGE BURNED.
Shown at ceremonies celebrating the full payment of the mortgage of the First Baptist church are Dr. Charles R. Osborn, Howard Stowell and Everett Rhodes.

Is Pastor

1942



Photo by Jane Hardcastle Studio

The Rev. Charles R. Osborn, pastor of the First Baptist church since 1931, who is a leading figure in the coming hundredth anniversary observance of that institution.

1927

REV. E. G. MINTZ BECOMES PASTOR OF FIRST BAPTIST

Cleric from Milwaukee Tomorrow Will Fill Vacancy Created by Resignation of Mr. Mercer.

Tomorrow morning Rev. Eugene G. Mintz will address the congregation of the Baptist church of this city for the first time as their pastor, and if his reception in November can be used as an indication of tomorrow's services, there will be few, if any, empty seats.

Rev. Mr. Mintz comes to his new pastorate directly from the Grace Baptist church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he has served for the past three years in such an efficient and acceptable manner that with great reluctance was his church persuaded to accept his resignation when the call came to Niagara Falls and what Rev. Mintz considered a field of large opportunities.

Rev. and Mrs. Mintz are young people themselves, and wherever they have served, they have given very vigorous support to the work among the young people, and are highly spoken of by Y. M. and Y. W. executives as well as all Baptist state and local workers who have come in contact with them at Grace church. Rev. Mr. Mintz had no less than nine clubs for boys and girls between 12 and 18 and a total membership of 148, whereas the church membership was not half that of his new pastorate.

Not only does Mr. Mintz have a message for the young but he also has been strong in organizing the adults, and, his friends declare, is a man among men, who can mix with business and professional men securing their co-operation and highest respect.

Though Mr. Mintz was born in North Carolina and graduated from Richmond University, Virginia, yet New York state can lay partial claim to him, for he graduated from Rochester Theological seminary, and while a student there was a minister of the First Baptist church of Nunda, N. Y. He so aroused and rallied the people in this place that under his leadership they built a new church, one of the most modern and beautiful Baptist churches in western New York.

Mrs. Mintz, previous to her marriage, had trained for the foreign mission field, was accepted and ready to go but due to the lack of funds, the board could not send her out. At this juncture, Rev. Mintz states, that he persuaded her to become a home missionary. Mrs. Mintz's training has fitted her especially for Sunday school work where she has served successfully.

For the last six years Rev. A. B. Mercer has labored in a most efficient and pleasing manner in building the local Baptist church up to a point where it is one of the largest and best equipped churches in this city. The church certainly can be congratulated on securing such a leader as Rev. Mr. Mintz within such a short time after Mr. Mercer left for larger work in Providence, R. I.



REV. G. H. KEMP
1886-88



REV. H. VICTOR KANE
1947-55



REV. PIERRE TANGENT
PRESENT PASTOR

Baptist Church Opens Week Celebration

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH will open its week-long 125th anniversary celebration Sunday with a former pastor as guest speaker at the 11 a.m. worship service.

The Rev. H. Victor Kane, pastor here from 1947 to 1955, will have as his topic "Never the Same River."

Now pastor of First Baptist Church, Binghamton, the Rev. Mr. Kane is a former executive secretary of both the New York State Baptist Convention and the Ministers and Missionaries Board of the American Baptist Convention, Valley Forge, Pa.

Also planned for Sunday are an old-time hymn sing at 7:30 p.m., with the church sanctuary transformed to resemble its appearance 30 years ago, and a social hour at 8:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

The Rev. Mr. Kane will speak again Wednesday at an anniversary dinner at the Parkway Inn at 6:30 p.m. His topic will be "It Did Happen Here." Movies of the church facilities and members during the 100th and 125th years will be shown.

Dinner reservations may be made with Mrs. Edwin Trask by Monday.

Members of the Inasmuch Class at the church will be hostesses for a homecoming tea next Saturday from 4 to 6 p.m., in the church fellowship hall.

ANOTHER FORMER pastor, the Rev. Edward H. Gun-

ther, will be speaker at the 11 a.m. worship service Nov. 19.

The Rev. Mr. Gunther served the church here from 1961 to 1966, leaving to accept a post as executive secretary of the Buffalo and Erie County unit of the New York State Baptist Convention. He was succeeded by the present pastor the Rev. Pierre Tangent.

An anniversary commemoration and rededication service at 4 p.m. next Sunday will conclude the week's program.

As part of the anniversary celebration, the church is preparing a pictorial directory of all members and their families. All programs during the week are open to the public.

General chairman of the week's activities is Robert Confer. "Out of the past... the future" is the over-all theme of the anniversary celebration.

In conjunction with the celebration, the congregation is conducting its annual fund campaign, "In Response to God's Love."

THE CHURCH was organized in 1842 when 13 members of the Baptist church in Lewiston petitioned for permission for Baptists in Niagara Falls to separate and establish their own, fully constituted church.

Members met to worship in each other's homes until 1855, when the first permanent

home was dedicated. Located at First and Thomas streets, the building served the needs of a large number of area Baptists for almost 50 years.

In 1901, after years of steady growth in the congregation, a new church building was dedicated. It is this same church building, located at Main and Fourth streets, which continues as the home of today's congregation.

Plans are now under consideration for a new building. Location and construction date are both indefinite.

TWENTY-THREE MEN, including the present pastor, the Rev. Mr. Tangent, have served the church in its 125-year history. The ministers, with their dates of service, are as follows: Adam Cleg-horn, 1841-42 and 1844; Jacob Blain, 1843; Joseph B. Vrooman, 1844-45; Charles Keyser, 1854-57; E. T. Robinson, 1859-60; H. W. Barnes, 1866-70.

Also, A. M. Tennant, 1872-74; Evangelists Brand and Caldwell, 1885-86; G. H. Kemp, 1886-88; George T. Webb, 1883-93; L. A. Mitchell, 1894-97; James Rae, 1898-99; Abner F. Bowling, 1899-1905; and John F. Vassar, 1907-16.

And, Charles J. McLean, 1916-20; Arthur B. Mercer, 1921-26; Eugene G. Mintz, 1927-31; Charles R. Osborne, 1931-47; H. Victor Kane, 1947-55; Eric L. A. Hill, 1957-61; Edward H. Gunther, 1961-66; and Pierre Tangent, present pastor.

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THE NIAGARA

Observes Ninetieth Birthday



The Rev. John Naylor, of Meadowbrook road, who today is celebrating his ninetieth birthday anniversary quietly at his home. Mr. Naylor, who is in remarkable health for his advanced age, has many interests and enjoys an automobile ride each evening.

Aged Falls Man is in Excellent Health on Ninetieth Anniversary

The Rev. John Naylor Being Congratulated by Friends Today; Entered Ministry in England in 1874

Friends of the Rev. John Naylor, of Meadowbrook road, are today joining with his family in wishing him a "happy birthday"—his ninetieth.

Mr. Naylor, who entered the ministry in 1874 and who spent 50 years of active service as a Baptist clergyman, was born in St. Helens, Lancashire, England, in 1849. He completed his studies at Bury college and held two pastorates in England before crossing the Atlantic to take charge of mission work in Connecticut, his last charge being at Williamsville, where he remained 18 years before resigning from active ministry.

In remarkable health for one of his years, Mr. Naylor takes keen interest in present-day affairs and thoroughly enjoys his daily paper. Reading is one of his greatest pleasures and his program includes poetry, the Bible, Christian literature and magazines dealing with contemporary things.

Mr. Naylor precedes his retiring hour of 8:45 each evening with an automobile ride, generally with one of his daughters. Impaired hearing does not dampen his enthusiasm for conversing with friends, one of whom is generally invited to accompany him on his early evening rides.

A lover of nature, Mr. Naylor delights in spending time in the beautiful garden which surrounds his home and is often heard to re-

mark that he wishes he might take an active part in the raising of the flowers.

Endowed with a splendid sense of humor and a genial optimism, his hearty laugh is often heard in the course of conversation. His philosophy is based on the Golden Rule and for his own pleasure and that of others he delights in recalling Bible verses and poetry.

In 1924 a book by Mr. Naylor entitled "The Glory" and other communings was issued in a limited edition and dedicated to his daughter, Winifred.

Since the passing of his wife in 1897 he has made his home with two daughters, Winifred A. Naylor, head of the Niagara Falls high school English department, and Miss Emma Naylor, teacher in a city grade school. Other children are the Rev. Ernest Naylor and two married daughters, all of whom reside outside of the city.

The following poem, dedicated to Mr. Naylor, was written by Irene Robinson Anthony:

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

(For the Rev. John Naylor on his ninetieth birthday.)

A wondrous age!
Each golden page
So filled with helpful sharing
That we who see
Are proud to be
Your friends, sincere and caring.

A glorious thing
This journeying
To ninety years of living,
With each new day
Along the way
Rimful of thoughtful giving!

A joyous thing
When friend may bring
To friend a birthday greeting!
But Ninety Years it just appears
Deserves a stout repeating!

So for each splendid day you've known,
For all the kindnesses you've shown,
That many joys both old and new
Walk down the birthday path
With you!

Monday, March 31, 1941

Rev. John Naylor Passes at Falls

91-year-old Retired Baptist
Minister Dies Here.

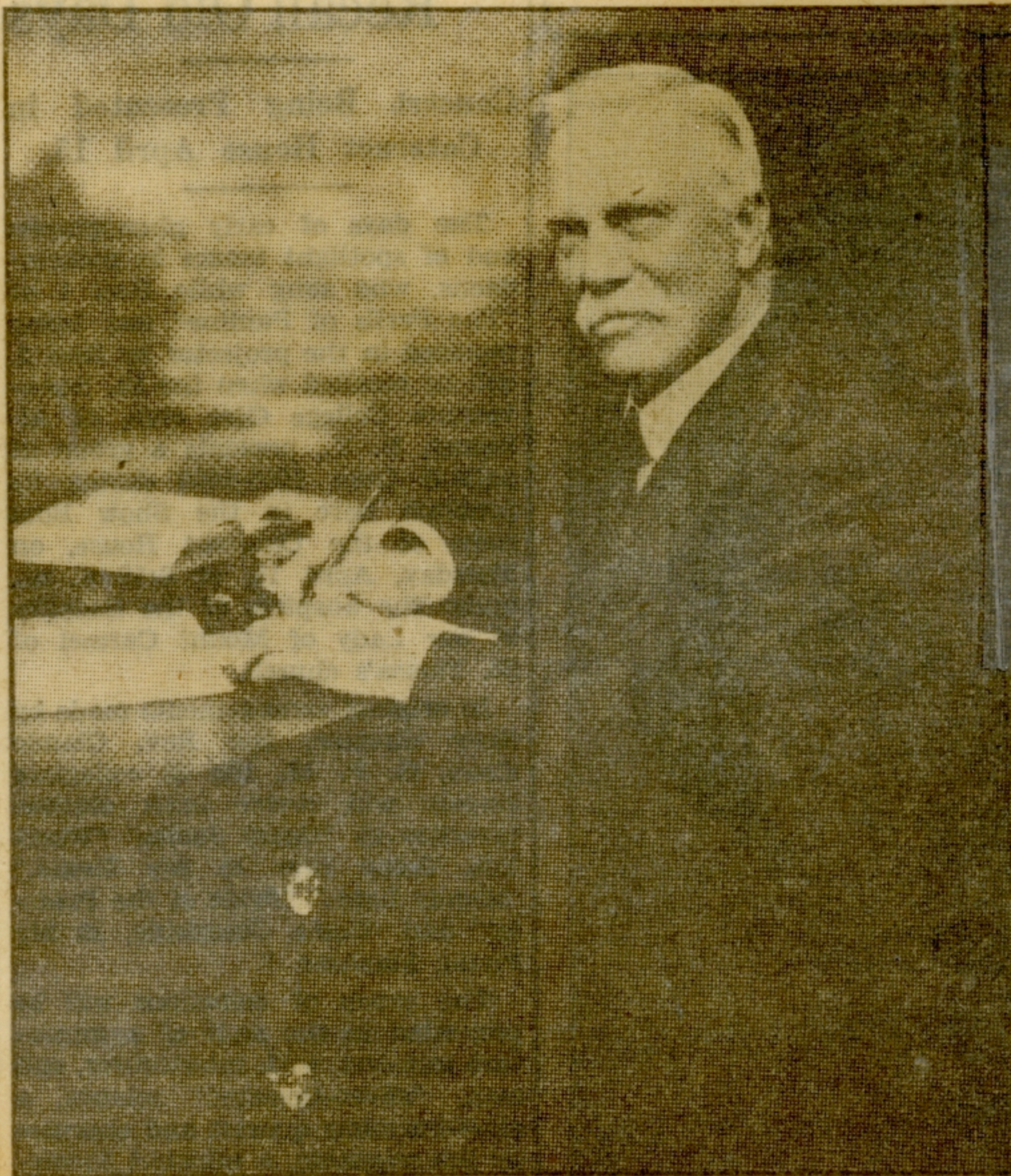
The Rev. John Naylor, 91-year-old retired Baptist minister and father of Miss Winifred Naylor, head of the English department at the Niagara Falls high school, died at his home, 4639 Meadowbrook road, early this morning. He suffered an attack of pneumonia in December and had been ill since.

The Rev. Mr. Naylor was a native of England. He served for 20 years as pastor of the Williamsville Baptist congregation and built the church which now serves the parish. Retiring 18 years ago, he came to reside in Niagara Falls, where he became a member of the First Baptist church. He had a wide circle of friends in this city and throughout Western New York.

Besides his daughter here, he is survived by another daughter, Mrs. Florence Ayer Eddy, of Saratoga Springs, and a son, the Rev. John E. Naylor, of Mount Vernon. Four grandchildren and seven great grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services will be held at the family home at 3 p. m. Wednesday with the Rev. Charles R. Osborn officiating. Burial will be in Riverdale cemetery.

Passes at 91



The Rev. John Naylor, 91-year-old retired Baptist minister, formerly of Williamsville, N. Y., who died this morning at his home, 4639 Meadowbrook road.

POEMS

1939

A SONNET

To Bernice Dorothy Sullivan, who entered Heaven at the age of 13, November the fourth, 1939.

I always found her near, when I went there,
With smiling eyes, and face alight with love,
Watching to see if I would notice her.
And now she's looking down from Heaven above.
She loved the Church! 'Twas there I found her near,
Intent in listening,—alert to help.
Always, to her, God's service was most dear.
To all, in friendship was her spirit felt.

We loved each other from the first, I know;
Her smile sought mine and held it in the throng;
Then, often she would come with face aglow,
To claim some stamps, or ask of right or wrong.
So now, at Heaven's call I'll joy to see
The face of Bernice brightly turned to me.

—With love for Bernice,
Winifred A. Naylor.

Gladys Wilson Sullivan

Born 1904

Died 1933

Whereas, the Berean Class has lost a faithful member in the passing of Gladys Wilson Sullivan, therefore be it

Resolved, That we ever remember her cheerfulness and vivacity, that we strive to emulate her sacrificing willingness to serve, and be it

Resolved, That in memory of Gladys we express our interest in her little daughters, remembering them in our prayers, and encouraging them in everything that will help them to grow into Christian womanhood. It is our hope that ever to them may be precious the promise: "As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you." Isa. 66:13. Be it further

Resolved, That we extend to the hearts and homes of the bereaved the assurance of our sympathy and prayers.

Mrs. Widdowson

Mrs. Osborn

Mrs. Walz

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



"—His Handiwork"

Main and Fourth Streets — 282-4666
NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK 14301

RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF DR. IRWIN M. WALKER

- WHEREAS Dr. Irwin M. Walker was baptized 70 years ago this week on June 22, 1913, in the First Baptist Church of Niagara Falls, N.Y., and continued an active and faithful member of this congregation throughout his life;
- WHEREAS he received His Christian Education and heard the call to serve his Lord by serving others in and through this congregation;
- WHEREAS he served the people of his home community faithfully as a beloved physician for 60 years, from 1922 - 1982, including service to many of the Pastors of this church and their families;
- WHEREAS he gave of himself sacrificially to those in need of his help without consideration of reward or his own time;
- WHEREAS he passed from this life into the new life with God on June 17, 1983;
- WHEREAS his life will be a continuing example of faithful Christian Service for us in his church and community,
- BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Church Council of First Baptist Church, meeting in official session on June 23, 1983, hereby offers this statement in recognition and appreciation of our dear friend and brother in Christ, Dr. Irwin M. Walker;
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this statement be sent to the members of Dr. Walker's Family, circulated among the congregation, and a copy entered into the permanent records of the church, that the witness of his Christian life and service may be long remembered.

June 23, 1983

George F. Toner

George F. Toner, Moderator

Margaret Ragner

Margaret Ragner, Church Clerk

Donald L. Lawrence

Rev. Donald L. Lawrence, Pastor



APPRECIATION DINNER
FOR
Bettina Gilbert

Upon her retirement from the Christian Ministry
after 41 years of service in nine churches.

Program

INVOCATION

George Toner

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS:

Member's of Bettina's family who are present
Members of the South End Coordinating Committee
who are present
Representatives of the Goodyear Heights
Baptist Church, Akron,
Ohio

LETTERS OF APPRECIATION FROM THE NINE CHURCHES

First Baptist Church, Medford, Massachusetts
First Baptist Church, Pittsfield, Massachusetts
First Baptist Church, Seattle, Washington
First Baptist Church, Redlands, California
Dr. Paul Sturges, Former Pastor of the
Redlands Church
Calvary Baptist Church, Washington, D.C.
Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio
Goodyear Heights Baptist Church, Akron, Ohio
First Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio
First Baptist Church, Niagara Falls, New York

MUSIC Children's Chorus, Ada Nickerson, Director
Chancel Choir, Joanne Coons, Director

EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION

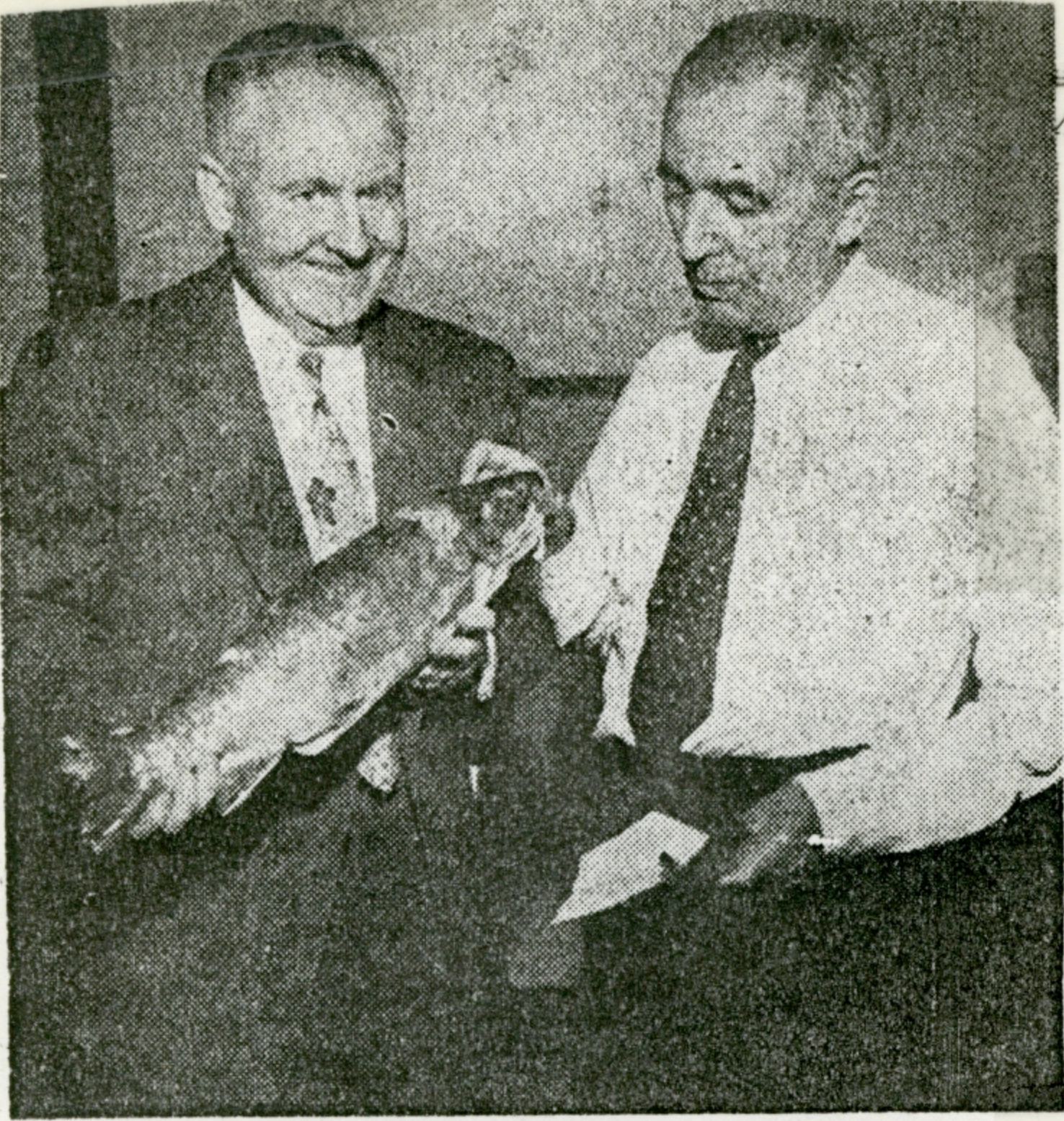
Rev. Hugh Chittenden, formerly Pastor of a
Church Bettina served.
Mrs. William Godtfriing, former Home Missionary
of American Baptist Convention
Mr. David Guisto, Director, Niagara Falls
Youth Board, first Chairman of the South
End Coordinating Committee.
Mrs. Florence Martin, Moderator of our Church





ANNIVERSARY DINNER—Members of First Baptist Church held a dinner Wednesday night at the Parkway Inn as part of the church's 125th anniversary celebration. Taking part in the observance were, from left, the Rev. Pierre Tangent, present minister, Miss

Mae Mansfield, who holds the record for longest membership in the church, and the Rev. H. Victor Kane, pastor from 1947 to 1955. The week-long celebration ends Sunday with a rededication service at 4 p.m. in the church.—Gazette Photo.



Gazette Photo—Roy Crogan

REV. VICTOR KANE DISPLAYS CATCH

Minister displays catch to Editor Thomas J. Berrigan

Fisherman Proves Prowess, Shows Big Speckled Trout

The piscatorial prowess of the Rev. Victor Kane has been vindicated.

Charges via the editorial page of the Gazette that said the Rev. Mr. Kane was capable of talking a good fish story but faltered by the wayside when it came to producing were soundly scuttled yesterday.

THE REV. H. VICTOR Kane, First Baptist Church rector, lays the blame to an absent-minded linotypist but we're inclined to feel that Victor was perpetrating one of his practical jokes. In any case the First Baptist Church announcement in the Gazette for Sunday's services, which should have read "World-Wide communion service," read "World Series communion service."

First Baptist—Main and Fourth Sts.; Rev. H. Victor Kane and Rev. Donald A. Robinson—Sunday, 9:15 and 11 a.m., worship services; World-series Communion observance; sermon, "The Witness of a World Church."

10-5-54

And at the same time the face of the accusing city editor flushed to pinkish hues and apologetic overtones pervaded the conversation as a handsome looking Salvellinus Fontinalis graced the scene.

A warning that the integrity of editorial comments would be shot to pieces was received Saturday when Thomas J. Berrigan, managing editor of the Gazette, was the recipient of a note from the Rev. Mr. Kane, who is the pastor of the First Baptist Church when he is not on the other end of a fishing line.

Said the letter: "My piscatorial prowess having been the subject of abuse both by insidious implication and scurrilous attack at the hands of your city editor, one Hamilton B. Mizer, I hereby notify you and all concerned that on Monday, Oct. 4, at 12 o'clock noon, Eastern Standard Time, the undersigned will appear at your editorial office bearing one outstanding specimen of Eastern speckled trout which I personally lured and snared in the water of Lake Nipigon, northwestern Ontario, just a few days ago."

The letter requested the presence of a photographer to pictorialize the speckled beauty as "a fitting answer to the damaging statements which have appeared repeatedly on your editorial page."

And the Rev. Mr. Kane wasn't kidding. Just as the last stroke of noon peeled away, the persecuted angled strolled proudly into the Gazette office with his six-pound Salvellinus Fontinalis.

Eyes popped, mouths watered and a head sank. The photographer requested was on hand, a chest swelled and flash bulbs popped. Even with the presence of the fish, the air seemed to clear. A wronged man had proved his point and had restored his wounded honor. The city editor slinked off to a corner, his mind occupied by the vision of a succulently browned trout gracing a dinner table.

A. P.S. on the letter was carried out in full also. It went like this: "But if Ham Mizer thinks I'm going to give him this trout, he'd better take another think!"

And again the Rev. Mr. Kane wasn't kidding and said city editor will have to be satisfied with steak tonight.

REV. H. V. KANE RETURNS TO NEW YORK STATE

The Rev. H. Victor Kane, pastor of the Cranston Street Roger Williams Baptist Church of Providence, has been called to the First Baptist Church of Niagara Falls. He will begin his pastorate June 13. Prior to his going



The Rev. H. Victor Kane

to Providence he served as pastor of the Fabius Baptist Church, the Memorial Baptist Church of Cortland and the First Baptist Church of Kingston. Mr. Kane has been active in the work of the denomination, having served on the executive committee of the Rhode Island Baptist Convention, and also as chairman of evangelism for the Rhode Island Council of Churches. We welcome Mr. Kane back into our New York fellowship.



MRS. H. VICTOR KANE
Illness fatal to pastor's wife

MRS. KANE, WIFE OF FALLS PASTOR, SUCCUMBS AT 48

Active in Religious Activities; Funeral Friday at First Baptist Church

Mrs. Maryn Elaine Kane, wife of the Rev. H. Victor Kane, minister of First Baptist Church, and a leader in many religious group activities, died yesterday at Memorial Hospital, where she had been confined about two weeks. She was 48 years of age.

Friends are invited to call at the Bell Funeral Home until noon Friday. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at First Baptist Church, with the Rev. Artemus P. Goodwin, Edison Street Baptist Church, Buffalo, officiating, assisted by the Rev. Donald A. Robinson, assistant minister of First Baptist Church. The Rev. Bruce G. Tucker, Pierce Avenue Presbyterian Church, vice president of the Niagara Falls Religious Fellowship, will represent the fellowship at the services.

Interment will be in Armory Hill Cemetery, Ilion, Saturday.

Wednesday, December

8th 1953

Obituaries

H. Victor Kane Sr.

Former Falls Baptist pastor

The Rev. Dr. H. Victor Kane Sr., 77, of Watertown, N.Y., former pastor of First Baptist Church of Niagara Falls, died Tuesday (Dec. 20, 1983).

Kane served the Niagara Falls congregation from 1947 to 1957. During his pastorate, there was much growth in the church and a decision was made to establish the Lewiston Baptist Church under the Church For New Frontier's Program.

Kane left Niagara Falls in March 1957 to assume responsibilities of executive secretary of the New York State Baptist Convention in Syracuse. After retirement, he served many Baptist churches as interim pastor. He was serving in that capacity at the First Baptist Church in Watertown at the time of his death.



Rev. H. Victor Kane Sr.

Kane was prominent in religious and community affairs while serving in Niagara Falls. He was first vice president and member of the board of directors of the Lions Club, chief chaplain of the Niagara Falls Civil Defense, president of the Niagara Falls Religious Fellowship, president of the Niagara Council of Religious Education, chairman of the Religious Advisory Committee and was a director of the Planned Parenthood Center.

He is survived by his wife, Marjorie (Abendschein); a daughter, Mrs. Warren (Nancy) Hoffman of Brunswick, Maine; a son, the Rev. H. Victor Kane Jr. of East Aurora; a brother, the Rev. Sydney Kane of Gillett, Pa.; and six grandchildren.

A memorial service will be at a time and place to be announced.

A SERVICE OF

AFFIRMATION AND CELEBRATION

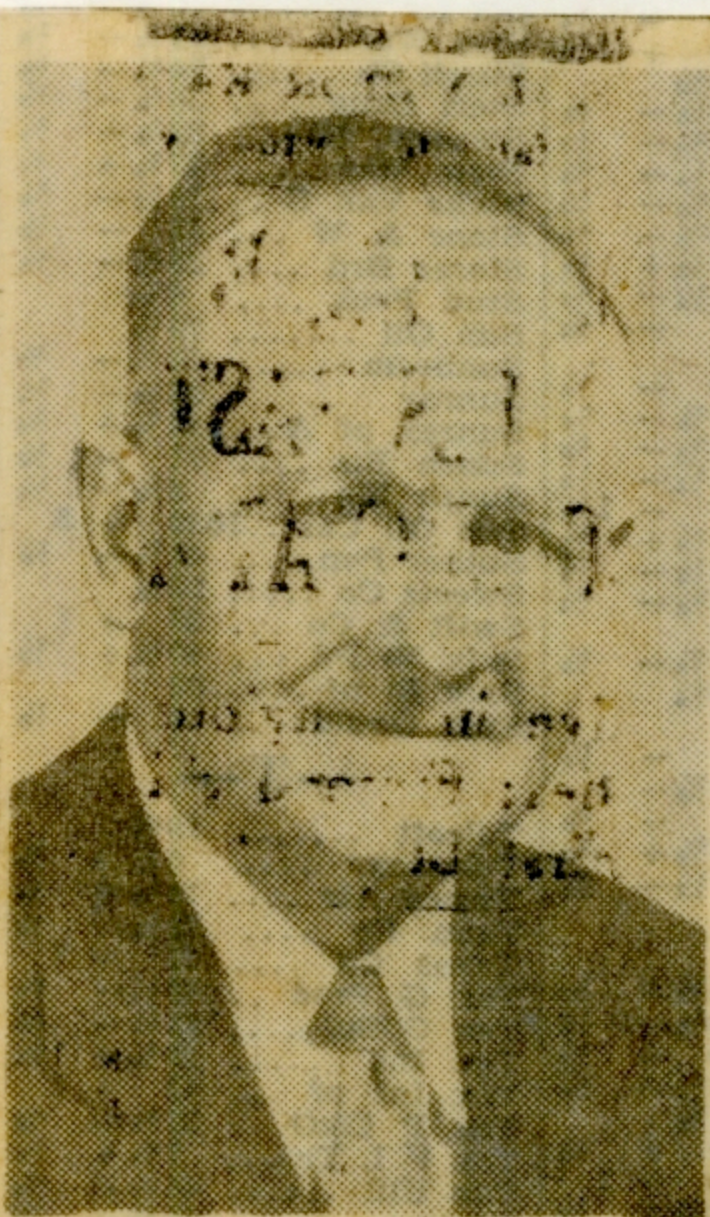
January 14, 1984

Eastwood Baptist Church, Syracuse, N.Y.



H. VICTOR KANE, SR.

June 10, 1906 - December 20, 1983



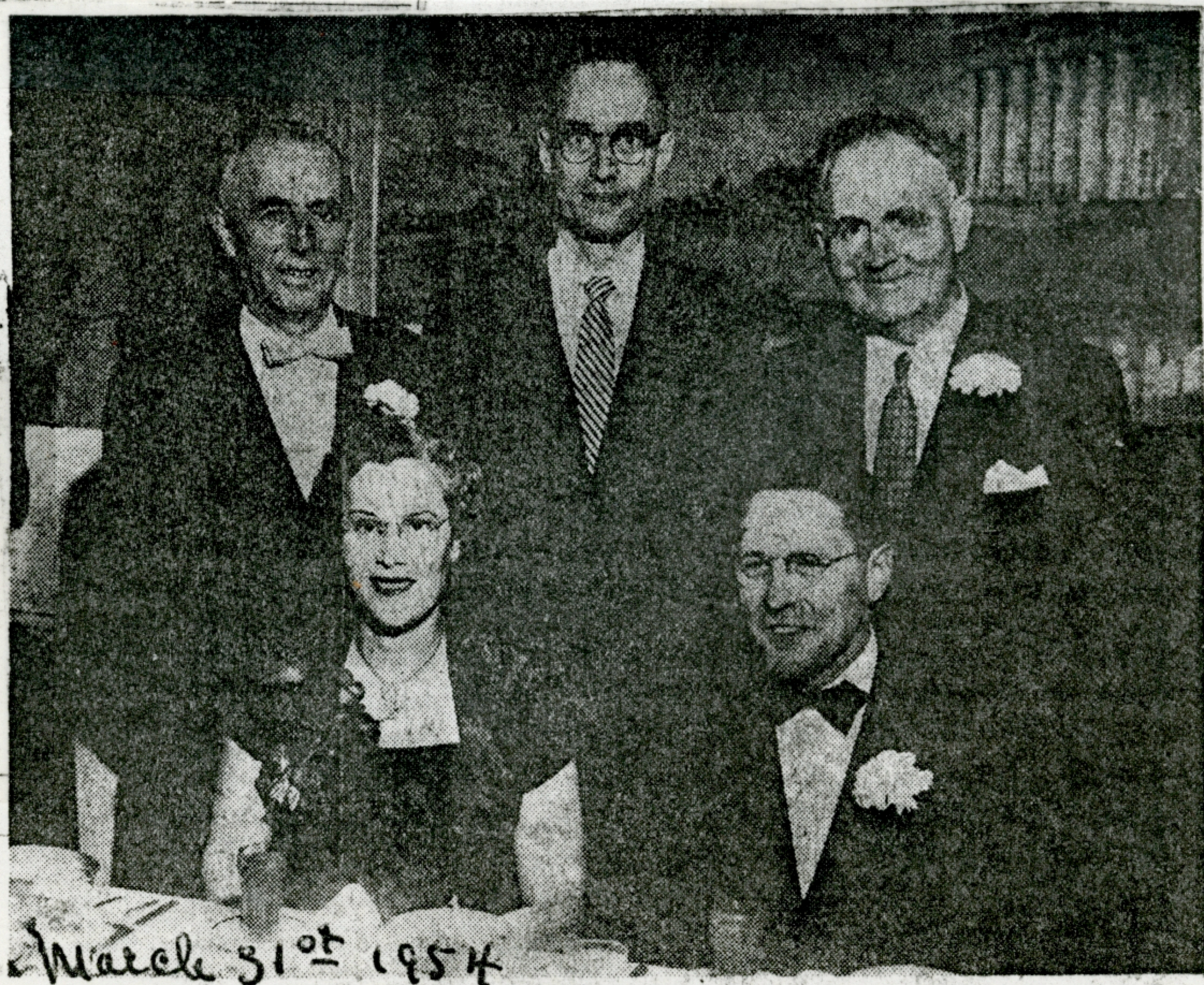
REV. H. VICTOR KANE

Rev. Mr. Kane Given Degree

The Rev. H. Victor Kane, former pastor of the First Baptist Church here, received the honorary degree of doctor of divinity Sunday during commencement exercises at Keuka College.

The Rev. Mr. Kane, who served here as pastor of the First Baptist Church from 1948 until February of this year, was recently named to the post of executive secretary of the New York State Baptist Convention. He now resides in Syracuse.

Receiving honorary degrees with the Rev. Mr. Kane at Keuka College's 49th annual commencement, were Sen. Margaret Chase Smith (R-Me.) and Dr. Milton C. Froyd, director of research at the Colgate Rochester Divinity School.



March 31st 1954
FORMER CITY MANAGER, WIFE FETED Gazette Photo—Roy Crogan
Seated are Mrs. Harold Cheek and Mr. Cheek; standing, left to right, Thomas J. Berrigan, Benjamin Hewitt, and the Rev. H. Victor Kane.



DEDICATED FOR SERVICE

This issue of the Upstate Update is dedicated to Dr. H. Victor Kane, Sr. and Miss Lynnette C. Martin. Both are well-known, not only in New York, but nationally for their contributions to the work of the American Baptist Churches/USA.

Their participation on the Board of Directors have made a lasting contribution to the work of the Upstate Home for Children.

Lynnette has helped to shape the direction of the ministry of the Home through her leadership on the Long Range Planning Committee. Vic has given tireless service to the Capital Fund campaigns that brought the new facilities from dream to reality. Both have given sacrificially of their finances.

This issue is dedicated to their commitment to excellence. The Upstate Home for Children is grateful for their service.

Obituaries

Ralph W. Beals

Former worker at Carborundum

CARY, N.C. — Former Niagara Falls, N.Y., resident Ralph W. Beals of Cary died Monday (Oct. 13, 1986) at Rex Hospital in Raleigh, N.C. He was 86.

Beals worked as a mechanical engineer for the Carborundum Co. in Niagara Falls for a number of years.

He is survived by a son, Ralph W. Beals Jr. of Cary; a brother, Fred Beals, four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Services will be at a later date. Arrangements are being made by the Brown-Wynne Funeral Home Inc. in Cary.

Contributions to the American Diabetic Association, 2315 Sunset Ave., Rocky Mount, N.C., 27804, are acceptable as tribute.

John Harold Tompkins

Niagara Falls fireman for 27 years

John Harold Tompkins, 63, of Michigan Avenue, a Niagara Falls fireman for 27 years and the recipient of an American Red Cross award signed by President Gerald Ford, died Monday (Oct. 27, 1986) in Buffalo General Hospital.

A native of Niagara Falls, Tompkins served with the U.S. Army combat engineers as a specialist five during World War II in Europe. He joined the City of Niagara Falls Fire Department in 1948 at Engine No. 8 and retired as captain in 1975 from Engine No. 6.

In 1975, he was awarded the certificate of merit of the American Red Cross, the highest award given for voluntary service, which was signed by President Ford, honorary chairman. Tompkins received the award after he and a fellow fireman saved the life of

a gunshot victim.

He was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church of Niagara Falls and an active choir member and church trustee.

Surviving are his wife, Peggy (Chamberlin) Tompkins; daughters, Mrs. Richard (Jacqueline) Ellwood of Birmingham, Ala., and Mrs. Joseph (Cynthia) Artymowicz of Niagara Falls; a son, Bradley J. Tompkins of Niagara Falls; brothers, Edmund Tompkins of Hicksville, N.Y., and Ralph Tompkins of Pittsboro, N.C.; a sister, Mrs. Ralph (Verna) Everett of California; and five grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

The Rev. Dale T. O'Connell will conduct services at 11 a.m. Thursday at the First Presbyterian Church of Niagara Falls, 311 Rainbow Blvd. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery.

Friends may call from 7 to 9 p.m. today and from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the Chapel of Cornell and Daggett, South Avenue and 10th Street.

Contributions to the Organ Renovation Fund of the First Presbyterian Church are acceptable as tribute.

Angeline Corsaro

Ex-Memorial Hospital employee

Angeline Corsaro, 86, formerly of Ashland Avenue, died Monday (Oct. 27, 1986) in St. Mary's Manor Nursing Home.



Pioneer Baptist Scouter of two countries, Reverend Eric L. A. Hill, of Kerrville, Tex., was born in Bristol, England, on November 22, ~~1894~~ ¹⁸⁹¹. He became a member of a Scout troop in Chichester, Sussex, England. He was the patrol leader for the Pewitt patrol, on the far left of the troop picture.

One of his fondest memories is of the day Lord Baden-Powell reviewed the troop during the 1900's.

In the summer of 1910, he came to the United States and, in 1910, he saw Lord Baden-Powell at a meeting at the First Presbyterian Church of Mountclair, N.J.

He did not have the fifty cents needed to get into the meeting, but an understanding usher, hearing that he had been a Scout in England, arranged for him to sit in the rear of the auditorium. He was personally introduced to the founder of the Scouting movement.

In later years, he said that this was his first real introduction to the democracy of America. This would never have happened in the England of his day.

His son, Dr. Douglas W. Hill, the executive minister of the West Virginia Baptist Convention (ABC) was also a Scout in Indiana and Ohio. His 2 grandsons were active in a Scout troop in Charleston, W. Va.

... **ERIC HILL** and son **DOUGLAS HILL** received the Good Shepherd Cross and Staff as first father-and-son recipients . . .



Christ the Savior is born!

*For Times
if Possible*

Rev. Eric L. Hill
Hillview Retirement Center
1610 28th Street, Apt. 538
Portsmouth, Ohio 45662

Christmas - 1989

Dear Friends:

- 1 // Christmas greetings from my new home in Portsmouth, Ohio. This marks my second Christmas at the Hillview Retirement Center. I have an efficiency apartment all to myself, and three meals a day in a central dining room. I haven't been hungry since coming here!
- 2 // My daily schedule is not very exciting, but at my age, that's just as well. I am surrounded by many new friends, even some who came here from Bristol Village, Waverly, Ohio, which was my first home after Helen's death. This will also mark my third Christmas up north. I am most happy in these surroundings, and have never felt lonely.

While my traveling days are over, I did make two trips back to Parkersburg. In March, the Emmanuel Baptist Church recognized the ordained ministers in their congregation, representing over 350 years of service. Doug and I accounted for over 100 of those! The second trip was at Thanksgiving, and we celebrated my 95th birthday with Doug and Helen, their two sons, David and Peter, and their families, which includes two of my four great grandchildren. Their daughter, Linda, and her family are coming home for Christmas from Chicago, so maybe I'll see them, too. In July, I was able to attend the 175th Anniversary of the First Baptist Church of Ironton, where we served from 1942-47. What a joy that was! Virginia and Don still live in Florida. Their daughter, Heather, visited Linda in Chicago in September. She is a librarian in Jacksonville, Florida.

3u // My letter writing days are about over, but I wanted to let you know one more time that all is well with me. I hope and pray that this is true with you, as well. May God's richest blessings be with you and yours in this Christmas season, and in the New Year ahead.

Lovingly, *Eric L. Hill*

Rev. Kilburn Holt



Rev. Mr. Holt comes from Rochester to Niagara Falls to assume the position of director of religious education at the First Baptist church. He is the fourth generation of his family to enter the ministry.

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Tuesday, October 4, 1960



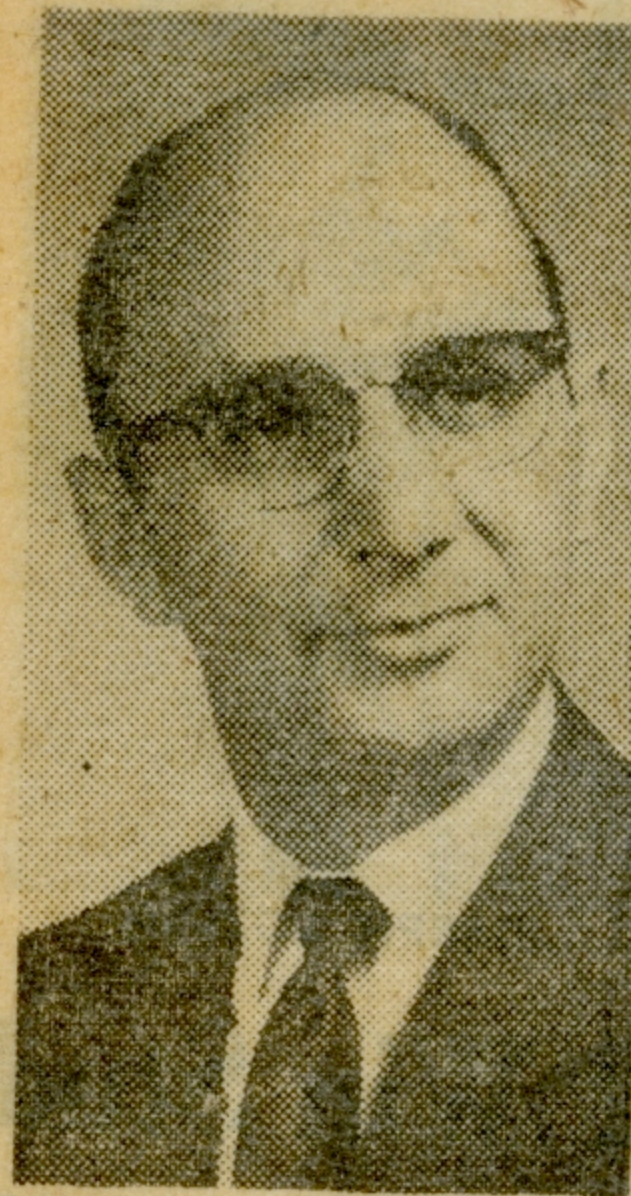
REV. ERIC HILL

Hill Resigns First Baptist Pastorate



DEAN — The Rev. Donald A. Robinson, associate minister of the First Baptist Church, will act as dean of the School of Religion, it was announced today by Mrs. Stanley Eckert, president of the Department of Christian Education of the Niagara Falls Council of Churches. The Rev. Mr. Robinson, a graduate of Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, and former minister of the Pembroke Church of Christ Disciples, began his associate ministry at the First Baptist Church in March of this year. Classes for the School of Religion, will be held at St. Paul's Methodist Church beginning Sept. 29 at 7:15 p. m. and will continue, each Tuesday evening through Nov. 3. Eight First Series courses will be offered and two Second Series courses.

Registrations will be handled through the various Protestant churches of the city.



REV. EDWARD GUNTHER

Boston Cleric Takes Baptist Pulpit Here

Rev. Edward Gunther of First Baptist Church, Boston, Mass., has accepted the pastorate of First Baptist Church here and will begin his ministry on June 15.

He replaces Rev. Eric L. A. Hill, who retired as minister last December. Rev. David E. Kline, director of Christian education at First Baptist, has been interim minister.

A graduate of the University of Rochester and the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, the Rev. Mr. Gunther has taken advanced work at Union Theological Seminary, New York City, and at the Boston University School of Theology. He has also taken advanced work in pastoral psychology at Harvard University.

The Rev. Mr. Gunther has held pastorates at Bath, N.Y., and Syracuse.

He has been a member of the camping commission and youth committee of the New York State Baptist Convention. He was dean for five years of the Baptist Youth Fellowship Assembly at Keuka College.

The Rev. Mr. Gunther is a director of the Massachusetts Baptist Convention and a member of its executive committee; a director of the Boston Baptist City Mission Society; chairman of the Health Services Committee and a member of its personnel committee; vice president of the Boston Council of Churches; and a member of the Massachusetts Convention's pastoral placement committee.

His wife is the former Mildred Allen Myers. They have four children, Paul, David, Barbara and Stephen.

Saturday, Nov. 18, 1967



REV. EDWARD GUNTHER

First Baptist To Wind Up Celebration

Participating in the closing day of the First Baptist Church's 125th anniversary celebration, the Rev. Edward H. Gunther will speak at the 11 a.m. service of worship Sunday.

He was pastor at First Baptist Church between 1961 and 1966, after which he accepted his present post as executive secretary for the Buffalo and Erie County, State Baptist Convention.

The chancel choir will sing "Let Us With a Gladsome Mind" by Means Franklin Young is organist and choir director.

At 4 p.m. the week's festivities will close with a service of commemoration and rededication, with the Rev. Pierre Tangent, pastor of the church, as speaker. A report of the every-member enlistment campaign will be given, and the chancel choir will sing.

